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Storm Damage at AME Headquarters

On Wednesday August 13th 2014 AME Headquarters sustained severe building damage due to the extreme rain conditions.

As you know, AME Headquarters is located in close proximity to Long Island MacArthur Airport. The weather service station at the airport reported 13.9 inches of rain had fallen in less than an 8 hour period.

The storm drainage systems in Suffolk County have been reported to be able to adequately withstand 5 ½ inches of water in a 24 hour period.

As the rainfall nearly tripled the capacity of the municipal drainage systems water emergencies arose all over Suffolk County. You have most likely seen news footage of Sunrise Highway and Southern State Parkway having been turned into lakes by the monumental storm.

Here in Bohemia the water rose over the curb line and began to accumulate around the perimeter of the building. The water on the flat roof rose faster than the roof drains could withstand. The water on the roof rose to the point of overflowing into the courtyard which was already flooding.

At this point water began entering the building from the exterior perimeter of the building as well as from the center courtyard into the AME Building and the Benefit Fund.

AME contacted Servpro and began the extensive process of evaluating damage and removing the water from the building as well as the carpets and sheetrock that were destroyed by the flooding.

Verizon has been working on the intermittent telephone issues that are affecting the local area due to flooding of manholes and in-ground mechanical splice boxes. This is resulting in sporadic lapses in phone service to our building.

In the days and weeks to come AME will be undergoing repair and renovation of the AME Building. Members are asked to use the side or rear entrance to the building in the event that they need to access the AME Headquarters. The front entrance will be used for repair crews only.

Please remain patient as we deal with this unexpected natural disaster. Contact your unit liaisons by their cell phone if you have an emergency and remember that the AME 24-Hour On- Call Number 1-800-795-4381 is always operational.

In Solidarity,

Dan Farrell
AME President